

The International Live Stock Exposition

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SOME one has described Chicago as a little city built around great stock yards. Be that as it may, the combination forms one of America's largest and richest cities; it does include six hundred acres of stock yards, it is the world's greatest live stock depot, and it is the home of perhaps the world's greatest live stock show, the International Exposition.

After being cancelled for two years on account of disease outbreaks, international history will credit 1916 with a new standard of achievement. Without doubt the present industrial activity, wealth and prosperity of the United States were revealed in this show. Its attendance and its exhibits may be taken as a live stock barometer and as such, a very good measurement of the country's industrial welfare.

As an exposition it is more national than international. It is international in character, however, chiefly, to the extent of Canada's contribution. In attendance and exhibit this is not large but it is important. It is important because of the position Canada has been able to occupy in sharing the honor, and the bearing that such recognition and association have had on live stock development and international trade.

Being a fat stock show it is but natural that the bulk of the display would come from the corn states. Canada, the Eastern States and the Western States would at once seem handicapped. Despite the natural conditions and the resulting limitations Canada has a record of which she may well be proud. She has excelled in sheep, having supplied more grand championships than has the

United States. She has little to her credit in hogs as she has seldom been a competitor. The Grand Championship steer has twice been a Canadian product. In Clydesdale horses she has monopolized the honors until 1916 when American breeders with imported Canadian horses divided things more evenly. In the students' judging competition which now includes fifteen Colleges, Canadian Colleges have won four times in fourteen years. This year Canada's chief honors were with shorthorns. A small exhibit from the herd of A. F. & G. Auld, Guelph, making a remarkable showing, their greatest victory being Senior champion bull, Burnbrae Sultan.

The show of 1916 is notable for its indications within the live stock field. The grand championship steer, and the reserve grand championship were both contributed by California University. Never before could the west boast such a victory and it may be taken as suggestive of the western beef cattle prospects.

The Eastern States were prominently represented in the horse circles. In a measure this comes as something of a surprise, but undoubtedly draft horse development is becoming a more important factor in eastern farm practice. In this development it will afford Canadians satisfaction to note the increasing popularity of the Clydesdale.

All the more important breeds of the various classes were well represented, but to the Shorthorn must be given the place of honor. Many wonderful Shorthorn exhibits have been staged at the International. This year establishes a new record. Special mention should